

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

ROBERT B. KUGLER  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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September 9, 2014

Ashok Shah  
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Re : Shah v. Shah  
Civil No. 12-4648(RBK-KMW)

Dear Mr. Shah:

I have your letter of September 5, 2014, requesting that you “appear” at trial December 8, 2014, “by telephone or skype.” Initially I note you are still represented by counsel and thus should not directly communicate with the court.

In any event, your request is DENIED. You are a defendant in this matter. Your attorney seeks to be relieved as counsel. You have demanded a jury trial.

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 43(a), which permits testimony in open court upon good cause shown by contemporaneous transmission from a different location applies only to witnesses, not parties.

As the plaintiff is representing herself, there are already great concerns about management of this trial. Accordingly, I expect you to appear in the courtroom for trial.

Very truly yours,

s/Robert B. Kugler  
ROBERT B. KUGLER  
United States District Court

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cc: Judge Williams  
Mark W. Ford, Esq.  
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